



US Army Corps
of Engineers
New York District
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278-0090
ATTN: Harbor Programs Branch

INVITATION TO **INTERESTED PARTIES**

Briefing on Dredging Opportunities In Ambrose Channel to Acquire Sand for Beneficial Uses

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The US Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a Briefing to dredging and construction companies, and those parties with interest in acquiring sand removed from Ambrose Channel for beneficial use.

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED ACTION:

In support of efforts to consolidate activities within the New York and New Jersey Harbor Deepening Project (HDP), to reduce impacts, save time and reduce total costs to the taxpayers, there exists the opportunity to allow private interests to acquire sand within the congressionally authorized Federal project area (from within the Ambrose Channel) for beneficial uses. The proposal would anticipate that private entities would be enabled to remove sand from the channel prior to anticipated dredging under Federal contract starting in 2006.

This effort is focused towards those partners with an interest in obtaining sand for purposes such as environmental restoration, wetland/habitat enhancement, beach replenishment, upland site remediation, or for construction aggregate. Upland uses for dredged sand include construction fill, landscaping, agricultural applications, and brownfields site remediation.

Geotechnical analyses of sediment samples from Ambrose Channel demonstrate that the dominant material is fine to medium graded sand of loose to medium density (SP or SW) with little or no (<10%) silt and clay. Some silts and clays (SP or SM/SC) are found in distinct stratigraphic layers in isolated pockets, and their quantity increases in the northern end of the channel, towards Gravesend and the Verazzano Narrows Bridge.

Expedited permitting, and the rapid delivery of material directly to the end user are envisioned. Public use/benefits will be sought and encouraged. It is noted that end use

and habitat development projects are subject to regulation under state laws, statutes, and permitting authorities.

We request that you communicate the foregoing information concerning this proposed opportunity to any persons known by you to be interested, and who may not have received a copy of this notice. In order to discuss these issues you are invited to a briefing with members of industry, and representatives of the involved federal and state agencies. At the briefing there will be a detailed presentation on the geography of Ambrose Channel, geology of the sediments, dredging needs and boundaries, state and federal regulatory requirements, navigation issues, and timelines for work to be accomplished. The briefing will be conducted on:

DATE: Friday, 27 June 2003

TIME: 1000 to Noon

LOCATION: 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10016, 6th floor Conference Center, Conference Room-A.

Please RSVP to Mr. Mark Lulka (mark.f.lulka@usace.army.mil), Project Manager, 212-264-1537, CENAN-PP-H, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278 by 20 June 2003 if you plan to attend the briefing. Submission of presentation topics related to this effort is encouraged and will be considered.

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